

FALL 2019



Helen Hall Library

BEYOND THE OAKS



STAR WARS READS DAY

Join us for games, crafts,
and a photo session
with real Stormtroopers!

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HISTORY OF HELEN HALL LIBRARY



Helen Hall

Almost 30 years ago, a group of citizens interested in starting a public library in League City established the League City Public Library, which has evolved into the present full-service facility in the city's Civic Center complex. One member of that initial group was Helen Hall, who became a charter member of the Library Board in

1971 and actively served on that Board until her death in 1981. The League City Public Library was renamed in memory of Mrs. Hall in 1985.

Additions & Services

Also in that year, a bond issue of \$2.5 million was passed to dramatically enlarge the existing 7,000 square foot building and to completely automate all library functions. The addition of the two-story adult services wing and the renovation of the original building housing children's and audio-visual services was completed in early 1988. The entire library now encompasses over 29,000 square feet.

The automation procedures were completed in the spring of 1989, and the

system features an on-line public access catalog containing data on all the collections in the library. In 1995 and again in 2002, the library's main computer was upgraded to a larger and faster one, allowing the library to add more features and services.

About the Library System

The Helen Hall Library is the largest and busiest member of the Galveston County Library System, with almost 24,000 patrons entering the library every month. The library is also a member of the Houston Area Library System. Extensive interlibrary loan services are available through these system memberships as are opportunities to apply for special grants and to attend staff development seminars.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY LIBRARIAN

Welcome to the fall program season at Helen Hall Library! Fall is special to us because of the many seasonal events we host, from trick-or-treating on Halloween to the Holiday Open house, the first Thursday after Thanksgiving.

Last year we also hosted a Library Town Hall, intended as an opportunity for the community to give input on our Strategic Plan and our Facilities Needs Assessment. We have decided to make this a recurring event, and will

host our Second Annual Library Town Hall in the Library Theater on December 12 at 6:30 p.m. Library staff are keen to discuss the results of our Facilities Needs Assessment, completed at the end of the summer. Architects from 720 Design and PGAL have used the results of their analysis to formulate three options for future facilities, each exciting in its own way. Which of these options shall proceed will depend largely on public enthusiasm, so we are very anxious to share our own.



Thank you for being a patron of the Helen Hall Library!

Jenny Brewer
City Librarian



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LIBRARY CLOSED DATES

Sept. 1 to 2: Closed for Labor Day

Nov. 10 to 11: Closed for Veterans Day

Nov. 27: Close early at 2 p.m.

Nov. 28 to Dec. 1: Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec. 24 to 25: Closed for Christmas

Dec. 31: Close early at 6 p.m.

Jan. 1, 2020: Closed for New Year's Day

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Teen Volunteer Program

Whether you need service hours or just want to give back to the community, you can join our Teen Volunteer Program! Our volunteer positions provide a job-like experience through our specialized task teams: C.O.S.T. Positions are limited and selected teens are assigned a weekly schedule of service hours during their assigned semester. Applications for teen volunteers will be available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs. Individuals who turn in applications will be reviewed and considered and approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

Ages: 12+

Adult Volunteer Program

Calling all adults! The library is always seeking actively committed adult volunteers to help mentor and spear head upcoming projects. Applications are available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs. Once applications are completed, they will be reviewed and if considered, approved volunteers will be notified via email regarding mandatory training.

Ages: 18+

Adult Volunteer Maury helps with the Senior Book Buddy outreach program.



London Lawrence, Volunteer Coordinator

Scholastic Tutoring

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
in the Library Board Room
Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 5
Ages 6 to 18

Free walk-in tutoring program. No appointment necessary in reading, math, history and science! Give your child the advantage. Help them achieve academic excellence with our tutoring program. Adult and teen volunteers will provide the tutoring in the different subject areas.

Volunteer Service Nights

Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16,
and Nov. 6 & 20
First and third Wednesdays of the month
6 to 7 p.m. in the Library Board Room
Ages 12 and over

Not ready to commit to a weekly schedule? No problem! Join us for Volunteer Service Nights where you can work with a volunteer team to help the library and gain service hours. Applications will be available at the Adult Reference Desk upstairs or can be filled upon arrival at service night.

Please note: Individuals must turn in applications before participating.

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

These activities and programs are for individuals, not groups or day care centers. Free tickets are passed out 15 minutes before the event, unless registration is required.

Toddler Story Time

Sept. 9 to Nov. 25

Mondays from 10:15 and 11 a.m.

*No Toddler Story Time on Nov. 11 *

Ages 0 to 2

Preschool Story Time

Sept. 3 to Nov. 26

Tuesdays from 10:15 and 11 a.m.

Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Pajama Time

Sept. 5 to Nov. 21

Thursdays from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

*No pajama time on Oct. 31 *

Ages 2 1/2 to 5

You may wear your 'jammies'.

Lego® Build

First and third Thursdays

Try your skills with the library's Lego® materials.



Bedtime Story

Second and fourth Thursdays

Listen to a story to get ready for sweet dreams.

Performers

Ages 0 to 5

10:15 and 11 a.m.

Sept. 1: Julian Franklin presents **Sport of Champions**

This show has puppets! Julian will cover some math concepts, ways to exercise the brain, as well as exercising for bodies. The premise is based on the characters from Aesop's "The Tortoise and the Hare" as they prepare for a rematch. Puppet characters include: our team captain Petey the Possum, Chester (the tortoise from "The Tortoise and the Hare"), Jack Rabbit (the puppet version), and of course, Roosevelt Rat, who always steals the show.

Oct. 9: **A Musical Playdate**

Mr. Brandon, from *A Minor Melody*, will take you on a singing and dancing adventure!

Nov. 6: **Let's Dance**

Have fun with dance and movement. Be sure to wear western wear for this barn dance!

Craftivity!

Ages 0 to 5

10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Sept. 25: **Fall Tree**

Make a 3-D tree with colorful leaves.

Oct. 23: **Super Suit Up**

Create your own superhero mask and save the day!

Nov. 20: **Cup-o-Turkey**

Make your own Paper Cup Turkey just in time for Thanksgiving!

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING

Halloween Fun

Wednesday, Oct. 30

3 to 8 p.m.

Trick-or-treating, crafts, and Halloween movies will make your evening Spooktacular.

Open to children of all ages.

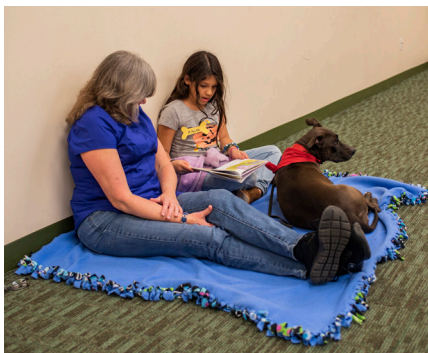


Read to the Dogs!

For grades 1 to 3

(Enrollment and registration required)

Does your child need extra reading support? R.E.A.D.® (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) and TDI® (Therapy Dogs International) are national volunteer programs that partner therapy-trained dogs with children who need to build reading skills. To register for this special program, call 281-554-1113 or email joan.peeples@leaguecitytx.gov.



Saturday Special

3 to 5 p.m.

We will serve popcorn and watch these family-friendly movies together. Feel free to wear costumes! Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Sept. 28: *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* (G)



Oct. 26: *Hotel Transylvania 3* (PG)



Nov. 23: *Home Alone* (PG)

Resources for Children

Two additional resources for children can be found at www.leaguecitylibrary.org by clicking on Children and then clicking on Databases for Youth:

- Early World of Learning is a World Book site for children with games, information, and stories.
- Tumble Books Library offers read-along stories, language learning, puzzles, and games.

TWEEN PROGRAMS

STEAM for Tweens

Ages 8 to 11

Parents will not be admitted.

Sept. 25: Movie and a Craft 5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater

Join us as we watch *Wreck-It Ralph* (PG) and create candy car crafts!

Please note: Some of the materials may contain food allergens.

Oct. 30: Amazing Race (Halloween Edition)

5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Race against the clock to solve puzzles and search for clues in our library.

Tween Writers Club

5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Wednesdays: Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 2,
Oct. 16, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20

Ages 8 to 11

Parents will not be admitted.

Share your stories and sharpen your skills with writing prompts and group discussion.

Tween Anime Club

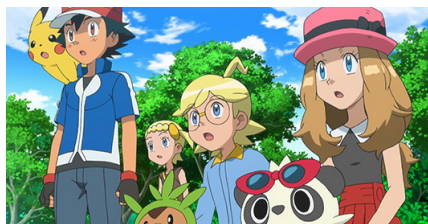
5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Mondays: Sept. 9 and Oct. 14

Ages 8 to 11

Parents will not be admitted.

Come in to watch and discuss some good anime shows while eating snacks!

Please note: Anime shows selected are rated PG and TV-PG.



Tween Games

Designated Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m.

Ages 8 to 11

The chess program is capped at 10 participants. Practice and polish your skills while competing at the original brain games. Tweens are welcome to bring their own games!

Sept. 5 and 19: Chess
(capped at 10 participants)

Sept. 12 and 26: Board Games

Oct. 3 and 17: Chess
(capped at 10 participants)

Oct. 10 and 24: Board Games

Nov. 7 and 21: Chess
(capped at 10 participants)

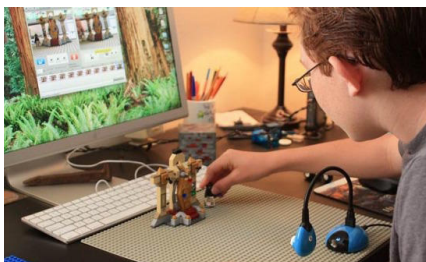
Nov. 14: Board Games

Snapology: Animation Studio

Registration required at
<https://embed.snapology.com/ licensee/54/events/34790>

Saturday, Sept. 21 (Two sessions)
1 to 2 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Ages 7 to 12

In Snapology's Animation Studio class, children interested in technology will create amazing movies with stop motion animation using LEGO® bricks. Children will work in teams to produce their very own movie complete with dialogue and sound effects. Movies are uploaded to a secure site for family and friends to see how cool they are!



TEEN PROGRAMS

Game On

5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Mondays: Sept. 30, Oct. 28, and Nov. 25
Ages 12 to 18

Drop in to play Nintendo Switch games, Apples to Apples, Jenga, and more!



Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

7 to 8 p.m. in the Library Theater
Wednesdays: Sept. 4, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20
Ages 12 to 18

Become an ambassador for your library and gain leadership experience! Help plan teen activities, assist with library events, and more. Snacks are served, and participation counts as service hours. New members are always welcome!

Please note: Applications will be provided at the program.



Teen Anime Club

5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Mondays: Sept. 16, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, and Nov. 18
Ages 12 to 18
Come in to watch and discuss some good anime shows while eating snacks!

Please note: Anime shows selected are rated PG-13 and TV-14.



Teen Writers Club

5 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Tuesdays: Sept. 10, Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, and Nov. 26
Ages 12 to 18

Share your stories and sharpen your skills with writing prompts and group discussion.



Manga Mania

5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Library Theater
Wednesdays: Sept. 11, Oct. 9, and Nov. 13
Ages 12 to 18

Learn the unique style of manga drawing through this workshop!

Please note: There is a max of 20 participants due to limited supplies. Attendance is first come, first serve.



Teen Late Night: Murder Mystery

Friday, Oct. 25
6 to 7 p.m.
Ages 12 to 18

Someone has been murdered, and it is up to you to find clues and identify the culprit!

Please note: Please arrive a few minutes before 6 p.m. due to the library being closed exactly at that time. Program admittance will be closed once the library doors are closed. Teens are required to have a ride home when the program ends at 7 p.m.



Study Hall

4 to 6 p.m. in the Library Theater
Tuesdays: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, and Nov. 19
Ages 12 to 18

Need a place to study, work on a project, or finish some group work? Drop in at any time during Study Hall hours for the space and research resources you need!

Teen Book Box

September to November
Ages 12 to 18

Do you love visiting the library but don't always have time to browse for a good book? Then sign up for a Teen Book Box! All you need is a library card and to fill out a registration form online, and then you can start picking up monthly boxes filled with treats and a book that is selected just for you!

Please note: Participants will be notified via email when their Teen Book Box is ready. Participants will have one week from the day they are notified to pick up their Teen Book Box. Teen Book Boxes will be located below the New Books Collection in the Teen Room (second floor).



ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Computer Classes

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon
in the upstairs Computer Lab

Sept. 4: Computer Basics I: Learning the Parts of a Computer

Sept. 11: Computer Basics II: Working with Windows 10

Sept. 18: Basic Mouse Skills/Basic Keyboarding and Typing Skills

Sept. 25: Basic Internet Skills

Oct. 2: Basic Online Safety and Privacy

Oct. 9: Basic Email Skills: Getting Started (email required)

Oct. 16: Library Databases 101

Oct. 23: Tablet Basics 101

Oct. 30: Introduction to Word

Nov. 6: Intermediate Word

Nov. 13: Introduction to Excel

Nov. 20: Introduction to PowerPoint

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5:30 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 23: Introduction/Intermediate Word

Oct. 21: Introduction/Intermediate Excel

Nov. 18: Introduction/Intermediate PowerPoint



Adult Late Night: Murder Mystery

Saturday, Oct. 26

5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Library Theater

Helen Hall Library presents a classic case of "who done it"! Join us for an evening of fright and delight as we solve a murder mystery here at the library. Adult volunteers and Helen Hall Library staff will be presenting and performing the mystery, so don't miss the fun and suspense!

Antiques Roundtable

First Monday of the month

1 to 3 p.m. in the Library Board Room

Aug. 5: Antique Kitchen Items

Sept. 9: Baskets

Oct. 7: Buddha

Nov. 4: History of Silk

Dec. 2: Radko Ornaments

Please note: Topics are subject to change.

Every Stitch Way

Every other Wednesday

Noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Library Theater

Aug. 7 and 21

Sept. 4 and 18

Oct. 2, 16 and 30

Nov. 13 and 27

(Closing early at 2 p.m. on Nov. 27)

Dec. 11

Those who enjoy knitting, crocheting and needlework are welcome to come to the library and join this group. Participants are encouraged to bring a current project and share ideas, patterns and help each other as needed. What a great way to meet new friends! This group is open to all levels of skill.

Writers' Works in Progress Night

Third Thursday of the month
7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Library Board Room

Sept. 19
Oct. 17
Nov. 21
Dec. 19

Writers' Works in Progress Night is a new program for adult writers. This group is separate from Writers' Club in that the Writers' Club members bring new stories every week, while the Works in Progress group members might share the same project at every meeting for years—depending on their progress.

At Works in Progress night, participants will share long-term projects with their peers, either for feedback, motivation, or accountability purposes. Work may be shared electronically through email, or writers may bring printed copies to the meeting. For more information, email City Librarian Jenny Brewer at jenny.brewer@leaguency.com

Writers Club

Second and fourth Wednesdays
6 to 7 p.m.

Come share your writing with us! Writing prompts will be available and attendees are able to share what they have written or hope to write in an open and welcoming setting.



League City Book Club

Third Monday of the month
7 to 8 p.m. in the Library Theater
New members are welcome! Reading the book is not required for attendance.

Sept. 16: *Varina* by Charles Frazier
Oct. 21: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Nov. 18: To be announced

English Conversation Practice

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Room
Adults of all levels who would like to practice their English conversation skills are welcome to join us at the library each Monday night and Wednesday morning.



Marketing and Publishing (MAP)

Second Thursday of the month
11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Library Theater
This group is dedicated to helping and encouraging writers regardless of age group or genre. They help to support the writing dreams of all members.

Sept. 12: Let's Talk Book Publishing
Speaker Bruce Moran, publisher for Total Recall Press will share what it really takes to get a book published worldwide.

Additional dates:
Oct. 10
Nov. 14
Dec. 12

Medicare: Thinking It Through

Third Thursday of the month
1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library Theater

Aug. 22 (Presenter Leah Everhart of
Gordon Marketing)

Sept. 19

Oct. 17

Nov. 21

The decision to utilize Medicare needs to be an informed one. Come have your questions about Medicare answered and discussed and have the available options presented. Medicare health and prescription drug coverage can be reviewed annually, so this is a wonderful opportunity to help clarify what the different choices are.



Happy Hour Book Club

First Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. at
the Craft 95 Draught House + Kitchen
Reading selections:

Sept. 5

The Essex Serpent by Sarah
Perry



Oct. 3

*The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two
Teenagers and the Crime That
Changed Their Lives* by Dashka
Slater



Nov. 7

Let the Right One In by John
Ajvide Lindqvist



Dec. 12

*13 Hours: The Inside Account
of What Really Happened in
Benghazi* by Mitchell Zuckoff



Thursday Talks

Fourth Thursday of the month

10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Theater

Thursday Talks are informal but interesting talks given by local professionals, volunteers and members of surrounding communities.

Sept. 26: **Texas EquuSearch**

The Texas EquuSearch Mounted Search and Recovery Team is a nonprofit organization founded by Tim Miller in 2000. The purpose of this organization is to provide search and recovery efforts for the lost and missing. Texas EquuSearch has participated in more than 1860 searches in 42 different countries.



Oct. 24: Galveston County Better Living for Texans (BLT): Healthy Holiday Eating
Speaker Sharon Mitchiner, a BLT Nutritionist Associate, will share with us about preparing a few healthy holiday recipes.



The History Club

Last Thursday of the month

7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the Library Theater

The League City Historical Society and Helen Hall Library are teaming up to present The History Club. The History Club will have one speaker per month discuss local history, Texas history, or American history topics that cover a wide range of interests.

Sept. 26: *Unforgettable Galveston Characters*

Local author Jan Johnson will introduce her newest book, *Unforgettable Galveston Characters*. From financiers of the Texas Revolution to contestants in the Pageant of Pulchritude, the shores of Galveston enticed and cultivated a host of memorable men and women. Bishops and bookies, concert pianists and cotton tycoons--all left an indelible print on their remarkable home.

Oct. 24: Japanese Immigrants at Fairview Cemetery

Local historian Barbara Holt became fascinated with Japanese culture and gained a deep respect for the Japanese people when she and her husband were stationed there by the U.S. Army. Some years after moving to Friendswood in 1967, Barbara began to hear about Japanese Texans, and eventually began to conduct research for a story about rice farming and the Japanese colony in Webster. In this talk, she will share information about the Japanese people buried in League City's Fairview Cemetery.



Local Authors Hour

Second Thursday of the month

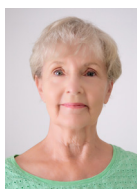
10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library Theater

Local Authors Hour is an opportunity for authors from the area to share information about their novels and books.

Sept. 12: Ellen Herr Lancaster

Oct. 10: Regina Burdett

Nov. 14: Jane Lowy



Ellen Herr
Lancaster



Regina
Burdett



Jane Lowy

Managing Your Money

6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Library Theater

Aug. 27: Five Money Questions for Women (Presenter Summer Rose)

Sept. 17: Understanding Medicare (Presenter Shari Ferguson)

Sept. 24: Health Care and Your Retirement (Presenter Summer Rose)

Oct. 29: Ready or Not – Preparing for the Unexpected (Presenter Summer Rose)

Nov. 19: Estate Planning



LIBRARY EVENTS

Community in Focus Art Exhibits

Launched in October 2017, these exhibits showcase local artists and photographers and their work. These exhibits are publicized in the local media and on the Helen Hall Library's Facebook page. The talented artists and photographers in our community have their creations displayed on display panels both on the first floor and the second floor of our library. Here are the upcoming Fall artists:

September: Sheri Gastler, oil paintings

October: Valree Brooks, oil on canvas

November: Ellen Lancaster, oil paintings

December: Abbas Raja, aerial drone photos

**Holiday Open House**

Thursday, Dec. 5

5 to 6:30 p.m.

Families and patrons of all ages are welcome to join us for our annual Holiday Open House at the Helen Hall Library. Visit with Santa and get a photo with him! Enjoy our holiday snacks and drinks. Don't miss the Tree Lighting Ceremony afterwards, as well.

**Library Town Hall**

Thursday, Dec. 12

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Library Theater

The library's annual Town Hall occurs on the second Thursday in December at 6:30 p.m. The Library Town Hall is your opportunity to provide feedback and receive the very latest information on current and future library services, issues, and ideas. The agenda for the evening will include a staff presentation followed by a Q & A with the City Librarian, as well as other library staff. Refreshments will be served.

Star Wars Reads Day

Saturday, Oct. 5

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Come in costume and celebrate with games, crafts, and a fun photo session with real Stormtroopers!



Watch *Star Wars: A New Hope* (PG)
3 to 6 p.m.